Not Seasonally Adjusted

Exhibit 2b. U.S. Imports For Consumption of Stainless Steel Products

Quantity in metric tons/value In thousands of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

| | April 2004 Cumulative To Date - Final | | April 2003 Cumulative To Date - Final | |
|-------------------------------|--|---------|--|---------|
| Commodity Grouping | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| Total Selected Commodities | 251,307 | 643,439 | 244,419 | 481,534 |
| Ingots And Steel For Castings | 777 | 1,408 | 11,013 | 14,783 |
| Blooms, Billets And Slabs | 40,115 | 81,500 | 42,566 | 58,911 |
| Wire Rods | 9,150 | 20,226 | 12,826 | 20,353 |
| Structural Shapes Heavy | 999 | 2,669 | 444 | 1,303 |
| Plates Cut Lengths | 10,116 | 23,279 | 8,363 | 14,499 |
| Plates In Coils | 9,437 | 24,117 | 6,137 | 10,278 |
| Bars - Hot Rolled | 6,429 | 18,364 | 4,748 | 9,351 |
| Bars - Light Shaped | 4,853 | 11,322 | 3,448 | 7,470 |
| Bars - Cold Finished | 17,503 | 46,711 | 19,403 | 43,050 |
| Stainless Pipe & Tubing | 34,029 | 129,220 | 25,760 | 93,208 |
| Wire Drawn | 12,792 | 43,942 | 10,910 | 32,192 |
| Sheets Hot Rolled | 1,891 | 3,827 | 2,017 | 3,118 |
| Sheets Cold Rolled | 91,091 | 197,904 | 82,119 | 131,308 |
| Strip - Hot Rolled | 239 | 457 | 132 | 317 |
| Strip - Cold Rolled | 11,887 | 38,491 | 14,534 | 41,393 |

NOTE: See the cover report specifically explaining the current month's preliminary steel imports trade data or www.census.gov/ foreign-trade/Press-Release/steel_index.html.